

Remarks

This is in response to the May 14, 2010 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment relating to the amendment submitted in reply to the Office Action dated February 2, 2010 in the above-referenced patent application. This Reply is being submitted within the 1-month deadline for responding to the Notice and does not require a petition for extension of time or fee.

Status of the Claims

The original claims 1-44 were indicated to be originally filed. However, applicants note and appreciate the Examiner's finding of the mis-numbered claims (claim 37 was omitted); therefore, claims 38-44 are now correctly re-numbered as claims 37-43.

In response to the February 2, 2010 Office Action, claims 6, 11-14, 24, and 27-43 (now claims 27-42) were withdrawn. The full text of the withdrawn claims was inadvertently omitted from the Listing of Claims. Applicants appreciate the opportunity to correct the Listing of Claims and, as shown above, provide a new Listing of Claims which includes the full text of the withdrawn claims. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-10, 15-22, and 43 remain. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the pending claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the address and/or phone number provided below if clarification or additional information is needed on any of these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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